



5 What's Good for a -Year-Old

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E Adams	Clarence Goes Out West and Meets a Purple Horse
E Alborough	Fix-it Duck
E Bemelmans	Madeline
E Brett	The Mitten
E Enderle	Something's Happening on Calabash Street
E Fox	Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild
E Henkes	Chrysanthemum
E Holabird	Angelina Ballerina
E Lum	What! Cried Granny
E MacDonald	Insects are my Life
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E Root	The Rattletrap Car
E Steig	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
E Sturges	The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza
E Taback	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
E Waber	Ira Sleeps Over

Longer books, story collections, jokes and riddles

E Munsch	Munschworks
JΔ Cleary	The Mouse and the Motorcycle
JΔ Gannett	My Father's Dragon
JΔ King-Smith	Sophie's Tom
JΔ Thompson	Kay Thompson's Eloise
JΔ Van Allsburg	The Polar Express
J Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking
J MacDonald	Mrs. Piggle Wiggle
J Selden	The Cricket in Times Square
J Steig	Abel's Island
J White	Charlotte's Web
J Wilder	Little House in the Big Woods
J 398.2095 Y	Lon Po Po: a Red-Riding Hood story from China
J 398.2452 K	Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock
J 808.81 S	Stories to Tell a Five Year Old
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